

REMARKS

The abstract has been amended. Claims 1-12 have been canceled. New claims 13-15 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 13-15 remain in the application. Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested.

In the paper dated 02/10/2005, an amended abstract was required. The abstract has been amended.

In the paper dated 02/10/2005, claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over various art discussing RAID and disk striping. The claims have been replaced with claims focusing on file verification, and in particular requiring confirmation of authentication data for multiple files and at least one medium. Support for the new claims may be found from page 4, line 16, through page 5, line 3, and figure 2, steps 208 and 210.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. This application is considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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